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Any business not licensed is sent a letter

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**AB 3330 (Frazier), as amended June 6, would require certified landscape architects to provide every customer with a detailed written contract. The contract must include a full description of services to be rendered, the names and addresses of all consultants, the date of completion of the work, the total price required to complete the project, and a prominent notice that landscape architects are regulated by the California Board of Landscape Architects.** This bill is pending in the Senate Business and Professions Committee.

**SB 2899 (Green), as amended May 29, would amend Business and Professions Code section 5681 to increase the maximum fees which may be assessed by the BLA. The examination application fee shall not exceed $425; the original certificate fee shall not exceed $400; the temporary certificate fee shall not exceed $100; the duplicate certificate fee shall not exceed $50; the examination application fee shall not exceed $400; the change of address penalty fee shall not exceed $50; and the fee for filing an application for approval of a school pursuant to section 5650 shall not exceed the cost of the approval process, at any rate not to exceed $600 charged and collected on a biennial basis.** This bill has passed the Senate and is awaiting committee assignment in the Assembly at this writing.

**The Medical Board of California (MBC) is an administrative agency within the state Department of Consumer Affairs. The Board, which consists of twelve physicians and seven lay persons appointed to four-year terms, is divided into three autonomous divisions:** Licensing, Medical Quality, and Allied Health Professions.

**The purpose of MBC and its three divisions is to protect the consumer from incompetent, grossly negligent, unlicensed, or unethical practitioners; to enforce provisions of the Medical Practice Act (California Business and Professions Code section 2000 et seq.); and to educate healing arts licensees and the public on health quality issues. The Board’s regulations are codified in Chapter 13, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).**

**The functions of the individual divisions are as follows:**

**MBC’s Division of Licensing (DOL) is responsible for issuing licenses and certificates under the Board’s jurisdiction; administering the Board’s continuing medical education program; suspending, revoking, or limiting licenses upon order of the Division of Medical Quality; approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs for physicians; and developing and administering physician and surgeon examinations.**

**The Division of Medical Quality (DMQ) reviews the quality of medical practice carried out by physicians and surgeons. This responsibility includes enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice Act. The division operates in conjunction with fourteen Medical Quality Review Committees (MQRC) established on a geographic basis throughout the state. Committee members are physicians, other health professionals, and lay persons assigned by DMQ to investigate matters, hear disciplinary charges against physicians, and receive input from consumers and health care providers in the community.**

**The Division of Allied Health Professions (DAHP) directly regulates five non-physician health occupations and oversees the activities of eight other examining committees and boards which license non-physician certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the Board. The following allied health professions are subject to the jurisdiction of DAHP: acupuncturists, audiologists, hearing aid dispensers, medical assistants, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, physician assistants, podiatrists, psychologists, psychological assistants, registered dispensing opticians, research psychoanalysts, speech pathologists, and respiratory care practitioners.**

**MBC’s three divisions meet together approximately four times per year,** in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Sacramento. Individual divisions